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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S ROLE IN MID EAST

1. HAARETZ CARRIES FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE CONTAINING WHAT IT DESCRIBES AS CONFIRMATION THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER "EXERTED PRESSURE" UPON AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS TO DROP SUPPORT FOR JACKSON AMENDMENT IN RETURN FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE DURING YOM KIPPUR WAR. ARTICLE CLAIMS JEWISH LEADERS IN COORDINATION WITH AMBASSADOR DINITZ AGREED TO DEMAND.

2. THE REPUTED CONFIRMATION IS A TYPED, ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PHOTOCOPY OF WHAT HAARETZ SAYS ARE MINUTES OF A MEETING LAST NOVEMBER 21 OF ZIONIST EXECUTIVE WHICH IN TURN RELATE TO DISCUSSIONS KISSINGER HAD WITH JEWISH LEADERS IN EARLY DAYS OF WAR.

3. TEXT OF PHOTOCOPY (PARTS OF WHICH ARE SCRATCHED OUT) FOLLOWS:

4. "AND FIRST HE (APPARENTLY DR KISSINGER) SAID HE WOULD
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GO AND SPEAK TO THE CONGRESS AND WE SHOULD SUPPORT IT (TRADE

BILL), AND WE AGREED. THEN HE CAME AND SAID THAT'S NOT ENOUGH. IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT I WANT YOU TO REALIZE IS WE DID, YITZHAK (APPARENT REFERENCE TO YITZHAK NAVON, MK AND ZIONIST EXECUTIVE FIGURE), GO FOR SAKE OF ISRAEL, WE CHANGED THE LINE...

5. "ON ONE OTHER POINT--EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN DONE ON THE ISSUE OF SOVIET JEWRY HAS BEEN DONE IN CLOSEST COORDINATION WITH THE ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVES...THE JUDGMENT THAT WE CAN MAKE NOW AFTER A CEASEFIRE SUCH AS IT IS, IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN THE JUDGMENT THAT ONE COULD MAKE IN THE FIRST DAY OF THE WAR, OR THE SECOND DAY OF THE WAR, WHEN THE EGYPTIANS (SEVERAL LINES SCRATCHED OUT)...WE WERE FACED WITH A DIFFICULT DECISION. THE SECRETARY OF STATE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THIS, BECAUSE IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER DETENTE..."
(PHOTOCOPY PAGE ENDS.)

6. PRESS HAS PUBLISHED ACCOUNTS OF FM ALLON'S MEETING IN NEW YORK SUNDAY WITH YOUNG JEWISH LEADERS IN WHICH TERMED ALLEGATION AS "A LIE." JERUSALEM POST ACCOUNT CREDITS ALLON WITH VIGOROUSLY SUPPORTING SECRETARY'S EFFORTS DURING WAR. AT ONE POINT, ALLON IS QUOTED AS SAYING NO ONE WAS "MORE INSTRUMENTAL THAN THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE" IN ENSURING AMERICAN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL.

7. IN ACCOUNTS OF PM RABIN'S NBC INTERVIEW BROADCAST IN US TUESDAY, WASHINGTON-BASED ISRAELI CORRESPONDENTS CARRIED RABIN'S ASSERTATIONS THAT (A) SECRETARY REMAINS POPULAR IN ISRAEL, AND (B) THAT HE HAS CONFIDENCE IN SECRETARY, AND (C) THAT DR KISSINGER IS THE MOST DESIRABLE THIRD PARTY TO MEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARABS.

8. PM'S OFFICE TUESDAY SAW FIT TO ISSUE STATMENT EXPRESSING PRIME MINISTER'S "FULL CONFIDENCE" IN AMBASSADOR DINITZ IN RESPONSE TO A PRESS ALLEGATION THAT THE LATTER HAD ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BE MISLED BY DR KISSINGER ON THE QUESTION OF ARMS SUPPLY IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE YOM KIPPUR WAR. STATEMENT SAID IN PART THAT NO CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO REPLACING AMBASSADOR DINITZ AND THAT HE IS "CARRYING OUT HIS TASK WITH EFFICIENCY, DEVOTION AND LOYALTY."
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